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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Schaeffer, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/712,420

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR MEDICAL IMPLANTS

Attorney Docket No: 8627-327 (PA-5445-RFB)

Examiner: Alexander,  
Michael P.

Art Unit: 1742

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Request for Correction of Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(a) (2p); Statement of Randy Joe Myers (2p); Written Consent of Assignee to Change Inventorship (2p); Substitute Declaration for Patent Application (2p); Assignment and Agreement and Assignment Recordal Sheet (5p); Authorization to Deposit Account of \$40; Return PostCard
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$40 for new assignment recordal. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Dec. 13, 2005  
Date

Richard E. Stanley, Jr. (Reg. No. 45,662)

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the inventorship of this application to name the following inventors:

Darin G. Schaeffer  
Randy Joe Myers

This amendment adds Randy Joe Myers as a joint inventor. Darin G. Schaeffer was previously named as an inventor when the application was filed.


In support of this request, Applicants submit herewith the following:

1. A Statement of Randy Joe Myers stating that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent;
2. A Substitute Declaration executed by Darin G. Schaeffer and Randy Joe Myers;
3. The fee set forth in 1.17(i); and
4. A Written Consent of Assignee to Change Inventorship.

Accordingly, Applicants request a corrected filing receipt showing the addition of Randy Joe Myers as an inventor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: DEC. 13, 2005

  
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Richard E. Stanley  
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Attention: Manager,  
Application Branch

## STATEMENT OF RANDY JOE MYERS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

The patent application identified above was filed on November 12, 2003. When the application was filed, I was not named as an inventor. It is my belief that I am a joint inventor with Darin G. Schaeffer of the subject matter that is claimed in this application. The error in not naming me as an inventor when the application was filed occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Date

Randy Joe Myers  
Randy Joe Myers



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Attention: Manager,  
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### WRITTEN CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP

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Dear Sirs:

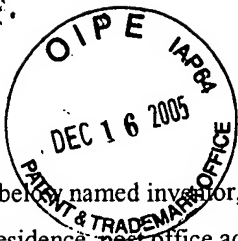
The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

Cook Incorporated is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment of the application from Darin G. Schaeffer and Randy Joe Myers. A copy of the Assignment is enclosed herewith.

Cook Incorporated expressly gives consent to correct the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to name Darin G. Schaeffer and Randy Joe Myers as joint inventors of the application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: Nov. 7, 2005  
Signature: Thomas A. Osborne  
Name: Thomas A. Osborne  
Title: S.R.V.P. IP Growth & Development



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**SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe Darin G. Schaeffer and R. Joe Myers are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEDICAL IMPLANTS, the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on November 11, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/712,420.  
☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
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Inventor's Signature

Darin G. Schaeffer

Date: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Full name of sole or first inventor

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Date: OCT 20TH 2005

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